Child Care and Development Fund FACT SHEET

July, 2006 Montana

Caseload

- •5,147 children were served this month in this program
- 2,909 families received subsidies for childcare through this program
- •8.3% of the families entered the program during this period
- · Yellowstone County accounted for 23.9% of all families served

Children

- •87.1% of children were served in licensed care
- •9.9% of children were cared for by relatives
- ·Children under 1 year of age were in child care an average of 126 hours per month
- ·School-age children (ages 6 and older) constitute 31.5% of all children served
- · White children accounted for 82.1% of all children served

Families

- •86.3% of families received subsidies because of employment
- 100.0% of families had copayments, at an average of 4.1% of income
- The average number of children served per family was 1.8
- •89.5% of families were headed by a single parent
- •14.7% of families listed TANF as a source of income

Expenditures

- The average cost of care this month per child was \$361 (monthly subsidy + parent fee)
- Parents paid 9.8% of the cost and the program paid 90.2%
- · Average monthly expenditures for children under 1 year of age was \$373
- · Average monthly expenditures for school-age children (ages 6 and older) was \$353
- •69.3% of total expenditures were for children under 6 years of age

Counties

- The highest average cost of care was in Roosevelt County at \$532 per child
- Madison County ranks first in relative care statewide with 100.0% of all children cared for by relatives.
- The county with the greatest percent of TANF recipients in the caseload was Roosevelt County, where 41.2% of families receiving child care subsidies also received income from TANF